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PETROLEUM PRODUCTION IMPROVED;
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BAKU OIL FIELDS UP OUTPUT -- Bakinskij Rabochiy, No 102, 27 May 49

A. P. Karasev, head of the "Azneft'" Association, reports that the "Buzovnayneft'" Trust is producing more petroleum now than ever before. Workers of the trust have pledged to produce 15,000 tons of petroleum above plan this year. Enterprises in Stalinskiy Rayon, while not putting any new wells into operation, have raised production by improving the exploitation of existing wells and reactivating nonproducing wells.

Production in some sectors is lagging seriously. Five of the seven fields in Molotovskiy Rayon did not fulfill the 4-month plan. Since the first of the year, 39 wells have been put out of commission because of technological failures and repair delays. During the same period, 53 wells in the Surakhany fields ceased producing, causing a total daily loss of 315 tons of petroleum. The Leninneft' Trust is producing unsatisfactorily.

During June, the Association plans to put 264 inactive wells back into production.

Bakinskij Rabochiy -- No 112, 10 Jun 49

All petroleum fields of Stalinskiy Rayon are fulfilling their plans. Field No 6 fulfilled 102.8 percent of its daily plan yesterday and field No 1 is operating 4 percent above plan.

The Kaganovich Petroleum Trust continues to lag in its petroleum-extraction tasks. The trust has decreased its output since 1 June.

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GUR'IEV FIELDS TOP DRILLING PLANS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 109, 7 Jun 49

Drilling brigades of the Kosshkar Petroleum Field have significantly exceeded the May task on exploitation drillings. One brigade sank a deep well at an average speed of 800 meters per machine-month, winning a drilling competition. The Koschagyl Petroleum Field also exceeded its May drilling plan.

NEW RESTRICTION ON PETROLEUM SALE -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 119, 22 May 49

The Primorskiy Kray Administration of "Glavnftesbyt" (Main Administration of Petroleum Sales) announces that beginning 1 July, all consumers of petroleum products must equip their automobile tanks and iron drums with devices that will enable them to be stamped. Petroleum products will not be allowed to be taken from bases of "Glavnftesbyt" in containers which cannot be stamped.

Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 124, 28 May 49

The Khabarovsk Petroleum Base announces to all consumers of petroleum products that beginning 1 July 1949 sale of petroleum products in containers which are not equipped for stamping will not be permitted. Beginning 15 May, consumers who obtain ethyl gasoline from the base must have special clothing, according to instructions established for all ministries.

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